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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of Inventor(s): **ANDREAS ARNING,
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For: IMPROVED HANDLING OF MESSAGES IN AN ELECTRONIC MESSAGING SYSTEM

**ASSIGNEE NAME: INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES CORPORATION
ASSIGNEE RESIDENCE: ARMONK, NEW YORK**

Enclosed are also:

- ☒ 26 Pages of Specification including an Abstract
- ☒ 6 Pages of Claims
- ☒ 2 Sheet(s) of Drawings
- ☒ A Declaration and Power of Attorney
- ☒ Form PTO 1595 and assignment of the invention to IBM Corporation
- ☒ Certified Copy of GERMANY Patent 02102724.8 dated DECEMBER 11, 2002.
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement, PTO 1449 and copies of _____ references
- ☒ Preliminary Amendment

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